

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Andrew R. Osborn

Serial No.: 09/692,852 Group Art Unit: 2153

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Title: DISTRIBUTED MULTIPROCESSING SYSTEM

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

On May 16, 2007, Applicant's Representative, Sam Hidle, conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Aaron Strange.

The independent claims of the subject patent application and U.S. Patent No. 6,261,103 to Stephens et al. were discussed in general. The Examiner indicated that there is potential patentability in the indexer and the fact that the signal passes without modification through the hub. Also, the operation of the send-only/send-and-forget system, which eliminates duplicate data and does not require requests for the data, was identified as being potentially patentable. However, the Examiner contends that these features are not claimed with adequate specificity to place the claims in condition for allowance. These discussions related to the general thrust of the principal discussion between the Applicant and the Examiner. An agreement as to the allowance of any of the claims was not reached.

Although no fees are believed due for the submission of this Interview Summary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2789 for any fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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